

Congressman Blumenauer is proud to have his office participating in the Veterans History Project to help collect and preserve some of America's greatest treasures, the stories of our war veterans and their civilian supporters. These amazing stories are disappearing as those who served in America's wars pass on.

In an effort to save these treasures, the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project was designed by Congress to record, preserve, and make accessible the first-hand accounts of American war veterans from all our past wars. These will be made available to future generations so they may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

There are several ways to submit stories to the project. Oral interviews, both video and audio, letters, scrapbooks, photo albums, and more are all being collected and preserved at the Library of Congress. Families, friends, fellow veterans, Eagle Scouts, retirement homes, universities, and many others are helping to gather these stories and materials.

The process for oral histories is simple: Grab a vet, sit him or her down, turn on the recording equipment, and ask questions about their experience.

For more information on the Project and an explanation of the oral interview and materials gathering process, go to the Veterans History Project Website: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>